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Congress Votes January 1961 White House Conference

Bulletin: As of Aug. 25, when the printing of *Aging* could not be further delayed, the bill was still at the White House awaiting Presidential action. *Aging* for October will carry the story on final action.

On August 19th, the House agreed to amendments requested by the Senate and sent to the President an amended version of H.R. 9822, a bill introduced by Congressman Fogarty (R.I.) on January 8th (*Aging* 40, p. 4), which provides for the calling of a White House Conference on Aging.

The bill had been favorably reported by the House Committee on Education and Labor on July 24th, after a full report from the Wier Subcommittee (*Aging* 43, p. 5; 44, 5; 46, 8) which had conducted hearings in March and April on some 20 bills in the field of aging. As originally passed by the House on July 29th, the bill had provided for the Conference to be held before September 30, 1960, and had authorized grants to the States up to a maximum of \$50,000.

The bill, as reported out by the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare on August 13th and passed by the Senate on August 18th, provides that the Conference be held in January 1961 and that grants to the States be within a minimum of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$15,000.

The bill, as passed by both houses of Congress, carries the full title, *A bill to provide for holding a White House Conference on Aging to be called by the President of the United States in January 1961, to be planned and conducted by the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare with the assistance and cooperation of other departments and agencies represented on the Federal Council on Aging; to assist the several States in conducting similar conferences on aging prior to the White House Conference on Aging; and for re-*

lated purposes. When it becomes law, it will be known as the "White House Conference on Aging Act", with the following provisions:

Title I

Section 101 states that legislation is needed to formulate recommendations for immediate action in improving and developing programs to permit the country to take advantage of the experience and skills of older persons, to create conditions which will better enable them to meet their needs, and to further research on aging.

Section 102 declares it the policy of the Congress that the Federal Government work jointly with the States and their citizens to develop recommendations and plans for action which will: Assure middle-aged and older persons equal employment opportunities; provide such persons with adequate incomes, suitable housing, and assistance in preparing themselves for their later years; and step up research in this field. Congress also declares that in all programs developed there should be emphasis on the right and obligation of older persons to free choice and self-help in planning their futures.

Section 103 includes Alaska, Hawaii, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Guam as "States" for this Act.

Title II

Section 201 requires the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare to plan and conduct the conference, in January 1961, in order to develop recommendations in the field of aging which further the stated policies of the Congress. The President is to call the Conference; the other agencies of the Government are required to cooperate and to assist the Secretary.

The Conference is to bring together representatives of all levels of Government and professional and lay persons working in the field of

aging, and of the general public, including older people themselves, for the purpose of arriving at facts and recommendations concerning the utilization of skills, experience, and energies of older people and the improvement of their conditions.

Section 201 also requires that a final report of the Conference be submitted to the President and be made public within ninety days after the Conference.

Section 202 provides grants to the States in amounts to be determined by the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, with a minimum of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$15,000 to any one State. These grants are for the State's use in planning and conducting State conferences to develop facts and recommendations, in preparing reports of findings for presentation to the White House Conference, and in defraying costs incident to the attendance of the State's delegates at the White House Conference.

Title III

This title makes the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare responsible for requesting assistance and cooperation from appropriate Federal agencies, for providing assistance to the States, for preparing and making available background materials, reports, etc. The Secretary is authorized to hire additional personnel, outside the Civil Service, within the limits of funds appropriated for this purpose, and is directed to establish an Advisory Committee and any necessary technical advisory committees.

Title IV

This title authorizes appropriations by the Congress for the administration of the Act.

(Note: The Act authorizes an appropriation but does not actually appropriate any funds. This would have to be done separately through the introduction in the House of an appropriation bill, or of an amendment to another appropriation bill, appropriating a specific amount of money for the administration of the Act after it becomes law. Such an appropriation bill, of course, would require passage by Congress and signature by the President.)

If the President signs the bill for the White House Conference, making it a law, the Special Staff on Aging will stock copies of the Act and will be happy to send a copy to readers of *Aging*. Send a post card requesting "White House Conference Act", with your name and address, to: Special Staff on Aging, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington 25, D. C. *Aging* will devote as much space as necessary in future issues to fully report all of the developments in connection with the planning and running of the White House Conference and the grants to the States.

Groundbreaking for York House

Recent groundbreaking ceremonies brought to fulfillment the visions and plans of the Home for the Jewish Aged of Philadelphia, devoted to the improvement of the housing conditions of the aged. It marked the beginning of construction of a \$2 million, 11-story apartment structure in Philadelphia, to be known as *York House*. Financing was arranged under Section 207 of the Federal Housing Act of 1956 which permits FHA guarantees for construction loans and mortgages for such projects undertaken by nonprofit agencies.

The structure, to be completed late in 1959, is located at York Road and Somerville Avenue, adjacent to the Home for the Jewish Aged but fully self supporting and self contained. Plans call for accommodations for 264 older persons, 176 in single efficiency units and 88 in 2-room units, in a completely air-conditioned building with elevator, commissary, luncheonette, barber, beauty shop, and valet services. Heavy housekeeping services will be provided, as will two meals a day. There will be a resident physician and nurse.

York House is considered a step forward in social planning and design. It will give the healthy aged of Philadelphia a place to live with individuals of their own age and interests. Yet, by assuring them that when they are no longer able to manage on their own in an independent living arrangement the facilities of an institution and the community will be available, they are relieved of that insecurity which is perhaps the greatest fear of old age.

Arthur Waldman, Executive Director of the Home at 5301 Old York Road, Philadelphia 41, Pa., can supply additional information.

Muskegon Council's 5th Birthday

The *Geriatrics Council of Greater Muskegon* was born in the spring of 1953 when Dr. Wilma Donahue of the University of Michigan, speaking to Muskegon's Goodwill Industries, sparked the community's interest in the special needs of the aging. This pioneer Council, then sponsored by the Goodwill Industries, is now an independent "red feather" agency, affiliated with the National and the Michigan Societies of Gerontology.

The Council, devoted to assuring a richer and fuller life in the later years, functions primarily by stimulating and coordinating activities by other community organizations. It is a membership organization with a Board of Directors, an Executive Committee, and 8 standing committees on specific subjects.

In 1953, the Council held a full-day "Conference on Aging" with participation by national and local leaders, and a 4-week course on "You

and Your Aging Parents". In 1954 and again in 1955, Health Forum series were sponsored jointly with the Muskegon County Medical Association. An all day conference on "Employment of Older People" was conducted in 1957. Each year, a special luncheon meeting is held with representatives of local public and private agencies to exchange information on current programs and activities.

Special studies have been made in the fields of housing and employment to permit more intelligent and useful planning and cooperation with State and local agencies and organizations. The standing committees on recreation, education, and transportation have been quite successful in getting public agencies and service organizations to make special provisions or design new programs for the aged. Special projects are being worked out with the Kiwanis Club.

The Council has a good stock of knowledge and helpful publications; its goal now is a professionally trained executive with adequate staff and offices. Edna Clark Tryon, 1230 Lake Shore Drive, Muskegon, Mich., is President; and Wilhelmina Beagle, 794 Pine St., Muskegon, Mich., is Administrative Secretary of the Council.

Texas Societies Agree To Merge

The Texas Geriatric Society, founded by physicians in 1955, and the Texas Gerontological Society, founded by professional and lay members interested in aging in 1956, will merge their more than 500 members in November to form the *Texas Society on Aging*.

The new Society, which will work closely with the Interim Legislative Committee on Aging (*Aging* 44, p. 4), will: Promote the study of, and dissemination of knowledge about, the various aspects of aging to advance the well-being of the State's older persons; focus public interest and concern on the needs and potentials of the aged so that they may continue to be integrated into the community; provide a common meeting ground for all those interested in aging; cooperate with existing groups to stimulate and coordinate activity; and take other actions to achieve the aims and purposes of the Society.

The Society will be organized in 5 divisions: Clinical medicine, biological sciences, psychological and social sciences, social work and administration, and general membership. Officers will be elected at a founding meeting after the annual meeting of the Gerontological Society (Nov. 14-15, Driskell Hotel, Austin).

The *News Letter* of the present Gerontological Society will be continued as the official organ of the new Society on Aging. Acting Membership Chairman is Mrs. Berta Ellington, 4103 La Brana, Houston, Texas.

News of State Commissions

On the recommendation of and under the sponsorship of his Coordinating Committee on Aging, North Carolina's Governor Hodges set aside the week of July 13th for special attention "to the health, happiness and welfare of the State's aging citizens". The Committee, with the cooperation of the news media and of many State and local organizations, informed the public about current programs, focused attention on the number and proportion of older people and their needs, and encouraged local meetings concerned with the problems and contributions of the older citizens. E. N. Brower, Chairman of the State Board of Public Welfare in Raleigh, was in charge of the Committee's plans for the week.

Copies of their summary *Report to the Governor*, covering Sept. 1956-June 1958, are available from the Committee at Raleigh, N. C.

The Louisiana Legislature has passed the bill drafted by the *Louisiana Commission on the Aging* (*Aging* 45, p. 4) which authorizes municipalities to appoint advisory councils on aging. The Commission (P.O.Box 4065, Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, La.) is now drafting model ordinances for the guidance of municipalities in starting this "grass roots" action.

Washington's Governor Rosellini opened the Aug. 18 Spokane Institute on Recreation for Senior Citizens, jointly sponsored by the Governor's Council on Aging and the Spokane Gerontology Council. Special features included reports and discussion during the morning, workshops and demonstrations during the afternoon, and lunch served by the members of the Spokane Senior Center at the Center. The State Council's address is P.O. Box 1162, Olympia, Wash.

The *Mississippi Council on the Aging* (*Aging* 42, p. 4; 44, 4) which grew out of the University of Mississippi's 1957 Institute on the Rehabilitation of the Aged (37, 3; 43, 8), will conduct the second statewide conference Sept. 17-19 on the theme, "Creating Opportunities for the Aging in the Community", at the University's Center for Continuing Education. For further information, write to Department of Conferences and Institutes, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss.

The *Maine Committee on Aging* is planning the *Third State Conference on Aging* around the theme, community action. Prof. Wilbur Cohen, U. of Michigan, will keynote the morning session on Oct. 16 in Augusta, with the afternoon devoted to workshops. For information, write the Committee's Executive Secretary, Mrs. Hazel A. Warren, 36 Middle St., Augusta, Maine.

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The *New York State Joint Legislative Committee on Problems of the Aging* has published its 1958 report, *Good News for Later Life*, an appropriately valuable and beautiful addition to the series of annual reports started just 10 years ago. The report covers the gamut of problems, needs, programs, and proposals in the field of aging. Single copies are free from the Committee, 94 Broadway, Newburgh, N. Y.

Senator Thomas C. Desmond, who has been the Chairman of the Committee since its creation in 1947, has announced that, after 28 years of service in the New York State Legislature, he will not run for reelection this year. He will continue as Chairman of the Committee until the end of the year and will be replaced when the State Legislature convenes early in 1959.

Albert J. Abrams, who served as Director of the Committee since its inception, became City Manager of Newburgh, N. Y., on June 5th and continues to serve as a part-time consultant to the Committee. John A. Ruskowski, who also has been with the Committee since 1947, has moved up from Associate Director to Director.

Among the Committee's recent and current activities are: A leaflet on the new State law on age discrimination in employment; an exhibit for the State Fair in Syracuse where aging was the

theme (*Aging* 46, p. 2); participation in the observance of Senior Citizen Month; a survey of senior recreation clubs and centers for revision of the 1955 Directory; and, of course, the 1958 annual report noted above.

Conferences

See also items on *Maine and Mississippi* in "News of State Commissions" on page 3.

With financing under a grant from the Ford Foundation and with the assistance of the National Committee on the Aging, the *Council of Social Work Education* is running a seminar for representatives of social work education, social work practice, and related disciplines, on the delineation of the special social services needed by the aged and the training of social workers to provide these services. Participation in the seminars, to be held Sept. 7-13 at Aspen, Colo., is by invitation.

The *National Committee on the Aging* (345 E. 46th St., New York 17, N. Y.) is planning its next regional conference for Oct. 19-21 in Houston, Texas, and its regular annual meeting for Dec. 10-11 in New York City.

The American Medical Association is holding a *Planning Conference on Medical Society Action in the Field of Aging* on Sept. 13-14 at the Drake Hotel in Chicago. Participants will be State medical society representatives concerned with aging. Attendance is by invitation only.

Having completed its statewide survey of senior citizen clubs and centers (see "Books", p. 8), the *Ohio Citizens' Council for Health and Welfare* will conduct a 1-day conference on this subject on Sept. 22 in Columbus. The conference will be directed especially to staff and volunteer leaders of such clubs and centers. For information, write to the Council at 167 E. State St., Columbus 15, Ohio.

The U. S. Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a 1-day *National Conference on Individual Planning for Retirement* on Oct. 2nd at the Sheraton Hotel in Chicago. The morning session will deal with "Planning for Successful Living"; the afternoon, with "Financial Planning for Retirement". The speaker for the luncheon meeting has not yet been announced. For details, write to the Chamber at 1615 H St., N.W., Washington 6, D.C., or 38 S. Dearborn St., Chicago 3, Ill.

The *6th Annual Conference of the National Association of Public School Adult Educators*

will be held Nov. 5-7 at the Netherland Hilton Hotel in Cincinnati on the theme, "Maintaining Adult Education in the Public School System". This conference precedes the annual conference of the Adult Education Association, which opens the evening of Nov. 7th and continues through the 10th in the same city. For details, write the NAPSAE at the National Education Association, 1201 Sixteenth St., Washington 6, D.C.

The Way the Wind Blows

The *Interuniversity Institute for Social Gerontology* (Aging 31, p. 1) held its Summer Institute in August at the University of Connecticut in Storrs. The announcement of the availability of fellowships (37, 2) brought 130 applications, a high proportion from university department heads and the higher academic ranks. The Interuniversity Council awarded 36 faculty fellowships; the fellows representing 36 colleges in 24 States.

The 4-week Institute included 40 class meetings on the behavioral and social aspects of aging, supplemented by field trips and 20 special lectures. The purpose was to train faculty to teach college and university students in fields dealing with concepts of personal and societal aging.

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The *Council of Social Agencies of Kalamazoo County* has formed a Committee on Aging and the Aged to define the problems, marshal the local resources, and engage in direct activities. The 25-man Committee is organized into 11 subcommittees: Recreation, health, preparation for retirement, friendly visiting, housing, research, cultural opportunities, home-centered services, institutional living, income maintenance, and public information. For further information, write to Associate Executive Secretary William D. Allen, at the Council's office, 438 W. South St., Kalamazoo, Mich.

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Federal civil service positions are not subject to any maximum hiring age. During a recent hearing before a subcommittee of the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, Representative Lindley Beckworth (Texas), however, brought out the fact that the Air Force was using a 40-year maximum age limit in the hiring of teachers for the overseas schools for dependents of Air Force personnel. In a June 9th letter to Congressman Beckworth, the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense explains that these teaching positions are excepted from the competitive service but that, nevertheless, the Air Force has reconsidered its requirements and has raised the maximum age limit to 60. The letter appears in the Congressional Record for June 16, 1958.

The 1957 Report of the Division of Welfare Agencies of the *Presbyterian Church in the United States of America* indicates "a marked acceleration in the provision of facilities for the care of the aging". Of the 60 such facilities serving 6,656 older persons at the end of 1957, 6 were opened during the year. Six new homes are expected to open in 1958 and 4 more in 1959. Of the 60 agencies, 56 reported their staffs total 733 full-time and 205 part-time employees. The 53 that reported financial data showed operating income of \$6.8 million, operating expenses of \$5.6 million, and assets of \$75.8 million. The major recommendations are: Extension of services through some form of nonresident care; conversion of life-contract plans to an actuarial basis and permitting future applicants to choose between this plan and a straight boarding plan; more consideration to recreation programs with participation in planning by committees of residents; and local groups considering establishment of new homes should consider developing joint programs with other churches. For more information, write to the Division in the Wither- spoon Bldg., Philadelphia 7, Pa.

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The Division of Public Information of the *National Association of Home Builders*, 1625 L St., N.W., Washington, D.C., has completed the report on the national workshop on "Housing Our Senior Citizens" conducted in May by the Association's Committee on Housing for the Elderly. Participants, including Federal officials and representatives of the building and finance industries, explored the role of the private builder in providing the proper types of homes consistent with the needs and incomes of senior citizens.

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The *Committee on Aging* of the Trenton (N.J.) *Council of Social Agencies* has successfully completed its two projected major projects during the past year. The first consisted of a series of 3 community demonstrations to spark activities: A group discussion of income maintenance for retirees, featuring films and panels; a senior fashion show, with the cooperation of local department stores and 65-and-over models from the senior citizen clubs; and a "How to Market Your Skills and Products" clinic, with the morning devoted to a panel of merchandisers giving individual advice on product marketing, pricing, competition, etc., and the afternoon devoted to a discussion of techniques of job hunting for older workers. The second project was an exceptionally useful and cleverly arranged and indexed directory, *A Guide to Community Services*. For a copy or further details, write to the Council, 602 Greenwood Ave., Trenton, N. J.

The Conference Group on the Aging of the Social Planning Council of St. Louis, 505 N. 7th St., St. Louis 1, Mo., is conducting an intensive survey to determine the total community resources available to the aging. Seven advisory groups are working on health and hospital services; counseling; rehabilitation; leisure time and recreation; employment and retirement; housing and living arrangements; and education, clubs, and organizations.

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The Ford Foundation (477 Madison Ave., New York 22, N.Y.) has announced two additional grants under its new program in the field of aging (*Aging* 43, p. 3):

The Housing Research Center at Cornell University will receive \$160,000 to study the housing needs of the aged to assist both private developers and public planners in design and construction of housing for the elderly. Some 4,000 representative older persons in urban and rural areas will be interviewed to study such factors as housing environment and proximity to community facilities, daily living habits and attitudes, and income and household expenditure.

Stanford University will receive \$50,000 to help set minimum standards for community centers for the aged through study of Little House (*Aging* 7, p. 1; 34, 5), in Menlo Park, Calif., in order to evaluate its program and its contribution to the physical and mental health of its members.

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Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell made the presentation of the first Bernard M. Baruch Award, sponsored by *American Legion Post 1258* in Yonkers, N.Y., to Refined Syrups and Sugars, Inc., in recognition of the company's record in employing older workers. Prejudices against older workers are "entirely out of step with modern industrial reality", said Mr. Mitchell. Pointing to the importance to employers of experience and well-trained workers, the Secretary recommended replacement of arbitrary age limits by fair and dispassionate consideration of the total factors involved—outlook, physical condition, ability to adjust, and wealth of experience.

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The New Hampshire Dental Society claims a first in the creation of a Geriatric Committee consisting of 8 dentists. Chairman is Dr. Francis I. Livingston, Director, Dental Division, State Department of Health, Concord, N.H. The Committee will work closely with the State Medical Society's Committee on Geriatrics and has already joined in a pilot project involving the review of the health and well-being of residents and patients of a home for the aged.

The almost 20 Golden Age Clubs of the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago recently held their 12th Annual Conference, at which they proclaimed the following Declaration of Rights:

Senior Citizens are entitled to: (1) the right to engage in all pursuits on the basis of individual ability and merit; (2) the right to a just share in community services, as a lifelong contributor and taxpayer; (3) the right to community understanding and care when the added years create problems of dependency; (4) the right to an opportunity for learning and creativity; (5) the right to live all years with respect and dignity; (6) the right to enjoy in the later years happy, social activity; (7) the right to the opportunity to give and receive merited affection; (8) the right to spiritual fulfillment according to their own cultural traditions; and (9) the right to expect that "rights" involve the assumption of responsibilities.

For more on the conference, write to Peter Tarrell, Jewish Community Centers of Chicago, 32 W. Randolph St., Chicago 1, Ill.

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The May *Statistical Bulletin* of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., 1 Madison Ave., New York 10, N.Y., presents an interesting tabulation and analysis of 1955 mortality data for white persons. The table, based on reports by D/HEW's National Office of Vital Statistics, presents data by age groups and by sex showing the mortality rate by cause of death and the ratio of male to female rates. It shows that after infancy the death rates rise steadily with the most rapid rise after age 45. The death rate for males exceeds that for females in every age category, the highest ratio (261 to 100) falling in the 15 to 24 year group. Accidents and malignant neoplasms are, in general, the chief single causes of death through age 24. From age 25 through 44, heart diseases displace malignant neoplasms as the second place killer (except for women—this being the only category where the death rate is higher for women than for men). After age 45, accidents become much less important at the same time that the death rates from diseases of the heart, malignant neoplasms, and vascular lesions are increasing very rapidly.

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The School of Physical Therapy of the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond is planning a demonstration of an educational and treatment program for patients with long-term illness. Beginning October, the School will provide senior students to administer treatment under the supervision of their instructor in 3 institutions in the community: Beth Shalom Home, a regional nonprofit home for older Jewish people; Rich-

mond City Home, the city's nursing home for the indigent; and Sheltering Arms Hospital. The School will lend the necessary equipment. As a byproduct, it is hoped to improve relationships between the medical teaching center and the facilities for the care of long-term patients. For more information: Dr. Herbert Park, Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation, Medical College of Virginia, or Mr. Leon Cantor, Executive Director, Beth Shalom Home, Libbie & Fitzhugh Aves., both in Richmond, Va.

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The Bartholomew County Retirement Study Foundation (*Aging* 40, p. 1), 518 Sixth St., Columbus, Ind., has received an \$18,000 two-year matching grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., of Indianapolis to make an overall study of the community to permit planning of services needed by older people. The study will be conducted in 4 parts (housing and urban development, attitudes and characteristics of the population, employment and industry, and health and health facilities) in cooperation with the Sociology Department at Purdue University. Dr. Leonard Z. Breen, Associate Professor of Sociology and Coordinator of Research in Gerontology at the University, has been employed as Research Director. The \$36,000 cost of the project is separate from the Foundation's regular budget. Gordon Miller, President of the Foundation's Board of Directors, can supply additional details.

Books, Pamphlets, and Reports

Editor's Note: The number of new publications in the field of aging is increasing so rapidly that it has become impossible to note them within the space available in *Aging*. As a temporary measure, therefore, whenever a publication's title is reasonably indicative of its content, we shall list the publication without the usual annotation or explanation.

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A Manual of Job Descriptions. Ben L. Grossman, Executive Director, Drexel Home, 6140 S. Drexel Ave., Chicago 37, Ill. 79 pp. Free.

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With 9 years of experience in counseling older workers, the Vocational Guidance and Rehabilitation Services (1001 Huron Road, Cleveland 15, Ohio) has developed 2 very useful leaflets for older job seekers: *Suggestions for Workers Over 50* and *Are You Considering a Part-Time Job?* If so—. Free sample copies available on request.

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The Senior Foibles by Elsie Thomas Culver. "A Revue to be given by and about Senior Citizens." 13 pp. Ger-O-Vox Press, 3822 Harrison St., Oakland 11, Calif. \$1, with production rights.

The Social Security Administration has released 4 additional parts of the analysis of the data collected in the September 1956 Current Population Survey concerning health insurance coverage and hospital stays (*Aging* 45, p. 5): R & S Note No. 14, II. *Characteristics of the Population with Hospitalization Insurance, September 1956*; R & S Note No. 17, III. *Health Insurance in the Population 65 and Over*; R & S Note No. 19, IV. *Hospital Utilization by Persons Insured and Uninsured in September 1956*; and R & S Note No. 25, V. *The Relationship of Marital Status to Hospital Utilization and of Insurance Ownership to Methods of Paying for Hospital Care, Year Ending September 1956*. Other notes dealing with health insurance are: R & S Note No. 18, *Early Discharge of Blue Cross Hospital Patients Through Provision of Visiting Nurse Services: Findings of a 5-Year Study*; R & S Note No. 26, *Voluntary Health Insurance: Estimated Enrollment and Rates per 1,000 Population, 1939-57*; and R & S Note No. 27, *Continuing Blue Cross-Blue Shield Benefits for Retired Employees: Abstract of a Talk by William S. McNary (Michigan Hospital Service)*. R & S Notes are free from the Division of Program Research, Social Security Administration, Washington 25, D. C. Order by number and title.

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Annual Report on the Labor Force, 1957. Current Population Reports Series P-50, No. 85. 50 pp. Bureau of the Census. For sale at 35¢ by U.S. Govt. Print. Off., Washington 25, D. C.

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Churches and their Senior Citizens by H. Lee Jacobs. Revised edition (*Aging* 35, p. 7). 33 pp. Published jointly by the School of Religion and the Institute of Gerontology, State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

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Proceedings of Southern Regional Conference on Aging, February 28-March 1, 1958, Atlanta. "Summary of Addresses, Discussions and Recommendations." 84 pp. Council of State Governments, 1313 E. 60th St., Chicago 37, Ill. \$1.50.

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Health Statistics from the U.S. National Health Survey: Preliminary Report on Disability, United States, July-September 1957 (PHS Publication No. 584-B4). Fourth in a series (*Aging* 44, p. 6; 46, 7). D/HEW, Public Health Service. 30 pp. For sale at 30¢ by U.S. Govt. Print. Off., Washington 25, D. C. Single sample copy free from Public Health Service, Washington 25, D. C.

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Your Podiatrist's Advice on "Middle-Aged" Feet. Leaflet. The Podiatry Society of the State of New York, 353 W. 57th St., New York 19, N.Y. Free; request on organization letterhead.

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Prepaid dental care plans are one of the newest kinds of health insurance. In the U.S., while approximately 116 million people have some kind of hospital, surgical, and/or medical coverage through a prepayment plan, less than 350,000 have dental coverage that provides any degree of restorative services. To meet the growing interest in this new area, the Public Health Service has published a *Digest of Prepaid Dental Care Plans, 1958* (PHS Publication No. 585) by Dr. Walter J. Pelton and Richard W. Bowman of the Division of Dental Resources. Copies of the 41-page booklet are available free from the Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington 25, D.C.

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Patient Care in Beth Abraham Home is a detailed statistical analysis of the patients, services provided, administration, costs, etc., for 1957 in the home for chronically ill and disabled adults, in which 56% of the patients are 65 and over and another 12% between 60 and 65. The Home is located at 612 Allerton Ave., Bronx 67, N.Y.

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The Committee on Aging of the Ohio Citizen's Council for Health and Welfare has completed its study of social and recreational facilities throughout the State (*Aging* 45, p. 6) and has published its findings in an interesting and challenging booklet, *Clubs and Centers for Ohio's Senior Citizens*. The 16-page booklet presents a detailed profile of the clubs and centers as they exist today and an analysis of the current problems reported by the club leaders. The Council is at 167 E. State St., Columbus 15, Ohio. (See "Conferences", p. 4.)

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Institutional Services for the Jewish Aged. "The Essentials of a Program for the Intermediate-Size Jewish Community." 9 pp. Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, 729 Seventh Ave., New York 19, N.Y.

"Sociological Aspects of Aging" by Howard E. Jensen. In *Public Health Reports*, July 1958. D/HEW, Public Health Service. pp. 569-576. For sale by U.S. Govt. Print. Off., Washington 25, D.C.; 55¢ this issue, \$4.25 per year.

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1958-59 Directory of Jewish Health and Welfare Agencies (U.S. & Canada). Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, 729-7th Ave., New York 19, N.Y. 44 pp. \$1.

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The National Committee on the Aging has begun publication (July) of a bimonthly, *Progress Report*, designed primarily to be a house organ circulating news of activities of the Committee, its members, and staff. It is hoped to add additional types of materials in future issues. Address your request to be added to the mailing list to Editor David Richards at the Committee, 345 East 46th St., New York 17, N.Y.

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Advantages of a Small Central Site for a Home for the Aging by Wm T. Swaim, Jr., Executive Secretary, Presbyterian Homes of Central Pennsylvania, Dillsburg, Pa. 11 pp. Free.

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